

Juneau County Board of Supervisors

Courthouse, 220 East State Street
Mauston, Wisconsin 53948



RESOLUTION No. 22 -- 92

DATE: December 20, 2022

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee

SYNOPSIS: Requesting that the State Revise the Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula

WHEREAS, the collection by counties of a real estate transfer fee was mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the State arbitrarily changed the transfer fee formula to now require counties to remit to the State 80% of all transfer fees collected; and

WHEREAS, the County through the Register of Deeds office assumes the annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in Juneau County, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 Juneau County collected \$609,805.50 in real estate transfer fees with the County's 20% retained share totaling \$121,961.10, and was required to remit 80% or \$487,844.40 to the State; and

WHEREAS, Juneau County real estate transfer fee collections as averaged over the past five years totaled \$2,182,367.40, of which the County retained \$436,473.48; and over that same period \$1,745,893.92 was remitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of approximately \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county government services in an inflationary economy, coupled with the financial restrictions imposed by State mandated levy limits; and


WHEREAS, in an effort to financially assist all Wisconsin Counties, Juneau County requests that the State of Wisconsin return the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all total real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does request that the State of Wisconsin revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin Counties to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to the State.

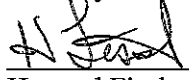
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Juneau County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.

INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON DECEMBER 20, 2022

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



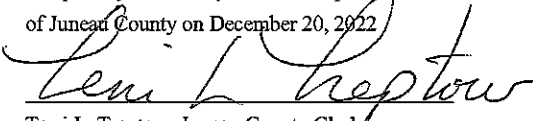
Timothy Cottingham, Chairperson



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Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors
of Juneau County on December 20, 2022



Terri L. Treptow, Juneau County Clerk